

As an American the idea of terrorism was something that was not real until the twin towers fell. Watching those towers crumble was shocking, and changed the way many Americans felt about safety on our soil. Each year that has passed it seems the topic of terrorism grows and last year was not any different. The year 2015 started and ended with terror blasted on our television screens and there was not a month that passed where another terrorist attack did not take place. The most common names people associate with terrorism is ISIS, ISIL, and Daesh. No matter what you call them, they are the same people, and I use the term people loosely. They are savages. These savages have lost their humanity, and glorify the death, and destruction they cause throughout the world. They film and upload their beheadings, drownings, bombings, and slaughters. They do it so much, sadly, it begins to lose its shock value. They use Twitter, and Telegram to recruit more savages, and to share their hate, and murders. How is this possible? How can they just do that? The technology of today is a glorious thing, but the fact that this can be done so publicly is a dangerous and ill side effect of technology. As I float around Twitter I find people struggling, people laughing, people celebrating. I see hysterical meme's, varying forms of porn both visual and word. Lastly, I see the dark underbelly which supports and feeds the savages. I see them holding up bloody heads, dead children, abused women, and celebrations of murders. I see them positing verses to support their insanity, and their call out to others to do the same. It makes my head spin, my heart hurt, and I grasp to understand how this is the world I live. Can they be stopped? Who can stop them? Where is the Superman's of the world? Who else is watching this? I am surely not the only one, right?!

The more time I spent on Twitter I have found there are people trying to stop the savages, and sadly, it was not Twitter. Though no amount of words will explain to me why Twitter is not motivated to halt these beasts, but I am sure they have some type of "Freedom of Speech" excuse. The ones trying to stop them are actually, citizens. Everyday people with a special skill set that makes them stand out in the virtual crowd. They are people from all over the world. Though, they are not, Anonymous, the popular mask wearing hacktivist, they did get their beginnings there. You see, Anonymous prides itself on having no real structure. No one to answer too, they are all one. They are legion. They are to be expected. The ones combating these savages in the world Anonymous thrives had to form some structure. They are one, but there are clear roles, and a common goal. That goal is to take down ISIS/ISIL/Daesh. The group I have found most successful in this virtual war, Controlling Section. Controlling Section is a team of phantom people covering the world, they are in nearly every timezone, speak several language, span generational gaps, and they are out fighting to rid the world of the savages slaughtering innocents. This team is made up of the most dedicated individuals I have ever observed. They work 24/7, and everyday of the year. They are a true legion. They are the heroes.

I have spent the last few months observing Controlling Section (@ctrlsec) on Twitter, and without fail approximately every 10 minutes their main page along with 7 supporting Twitter handles post 3 Twitter accounts that have been linked to terrorist agenda, propaganda, and/or activity. They ask that their over 19k followers report the listed accounts, in hopes of Twitter suspending them, and essentially stopping the flow of information, and communication of the savages. The first day I watched @ctrlsec, I couldn't believe the volume of terrorism on Twitter, and I was in shock that there was a group that was on the electronic front line. Like any proper laymen I clicked on over to Google. I needed to know who these people were. Where did they come from? What made them brave this matrix? That is when I found out this group came to be because of the early January 2015 terror attack in Paris. The horror of that event had spawned

something amazing. It brought forth to the world a team of individuals who want to save the world, with their brain synapses and fingertips. This group of phantoms have taken down and interrupted hundreds, of thousands of Twitter accounts. These phantoms have helped stop terror attacks in multiple countries. The amount of lives saved cannot be tallied. The amount of communication halted cannot be comprehended by the average person. This legion is what the world needs. I did not know these phantoms, but I wanted to know. I needed to know what I could do to help. I wanted to be a part of whatever this was. These are my people. These are the worlds people. These are the people we all should strive to be. This is a legion, they are one, they are to be expected.

After a couple days I messaged @ctrlsec via direct message asking how can I help. The response came quickly, and what I was told was reporting does more than anyone knows. That's all I needed. I went on a clicking spree. I reported as many as I could, until my fingers hurt. I did it again the next day also. I messaged @ctrlsec again and told them I could see why they do it. It's empowering. I was part of ridding the earth of these beasts. I was making a difference. In that conversation is when I learned, these individuals were doing this on their own time. Using their own money. Their own equipment. Their own software. These brave phantoms who risk their own personal safety are not supported financially by anyone. How can this be? NO ONE PAYS THIS LEGION. Let that sink in. No. One. Pays. Them. These really are people, just like you and I, and we can help them. These individuals need our support. They need two things from us all. One, click and report. Report until you cannot report anymore, and then come back tomorrow and do it again. When you are sitting in a cafe waiting for your friends to arrive, report some savages. When you are wanting to play candy crush, report ISIS/ISIL/Daesh instead. Force Twitter to respond. Two, funding. To keep their equipment up to date and running proper, they need money to buy that equipment. Our governments do not fund them. Our governments do use their data, and because @ctrlsec cares about the world, they give that data freely. Our governments do not supply them with the top of line equipment, and at times it could be compared to someone trying to save the world with a screwdriver. I don't have to tell you real life is not a Dr. Who episode, and these heroes need our help. If the governments sworn to protect us will not support them properly I think each one of us regular people should.

I know many of you reading this are likely assuming I am part of Controlling Section. That is where you are wrong. I have no clue who these people are, where they are, or how they do what they do. I am no more a part of @ctrlsec than you are, I am just louder than you. I am just here to bring attention to what is going on around us, and I am hoping you listen. Lets support these phantoms. To keep them safe the best way to support them is via bitcoins, donate them to: Bitcoin address: 1NjPnNkxk9DhpqKf27rtbthPd4paMtzBve If you cannot donate, report.

To the members of Controlling Section: Thank you. You are appreciated. You are saving lives, and we need you. You are us. We are one. We expect you.

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